SOME KEYS (cont'd)

KEY TO HIBISCUS ROSA-SINENSIS

Corolla cylindric or the petals merely spreading at the tip: Seeds woolly. TUBIFLORI

Corolla funnelform to rotate: seeds glabrous or hirstute

Bractlets of the involucel dilated or forked at the apex FURCELLATI

Bractlets of the involucel entire, not dilated at the apex.

Herbs, often tall perennials.

Involucel and calyx herbaceous, not succulent.

Corolla broadly funneliform or campanulate; petals mainly pink or white.

Calyx and involucel finely spinescent. CANNABINI

Calyx and involucel glabrous or softly pubescent. GRANDIFLORI

Corolla rotate; petals red. COCCINEI

Involucel and calyx succulent. SABDARIFFAE

Shrubs or trees

Corolla open funnelform: leaf blades lobed. SYRIACI

Corolla with a short funnelform tube and large rotate limb; leaf blades merely toothed. ROSA-SINENSIS

These keys were compiled from "Manual of Southeastern Flora," by J. K. Small, University of North Carolina.

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LAWN FEEDING FOR JUNE AND JULY

June and July are the months for the summer fertilization of lawns. And the best fertilizer for summer use is a 100% organic fertilizer.

Organic fertilizers are best for mid-summer lawn feeding because:

1. Organics do not leach out of the soil with heavy summer rains.

2. Organics are longer lasting; they do not throw a heavy flush of growth, but feed evenly over several weeks.

3. Organic fertilizers do not burn the grass, and so are safer to use during the hot summer.

4. Organic fertilizers work best during the warm weather, for the soil organisms that break down organics, making them available to the plants, are more active during the warm summer months.

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JUNE AND JULY BEST MONTHS TO SPRAY FOR SCALE

June and July, the months when young scale crawlers have moved out from under the mother scale, are the times when it is most effective to kill scale on Fruit trees, and on glossy leaves shurbs (ixora, ligustrum, pittosporum, camellias, etc.)

Use of the new, improved X-Cel Oil is the best control. This miscible oil, containing 5% Malathion will give a better kill of a larger number of pests than either oils or plain malathion. Be cautious on hibiscus. Oils will defoilate hibiscus under the right conditions.

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There's a line on the ocean where by crossing it you can lose a day. There's one on the highway where you can do even better.